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In re application of: Skeem et al.

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Sir:

Amendment Under 37 CFR Section 1.116

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action, mailed November 18, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. Prosecution of the application has been reopened following an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 27 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 28, 29 and 34 have been allowed, claims 3, 4 and 10 are objected to as depending from a rejected claim and claims 1, 5-9, 11-26 and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) over US Pat. No. 5,018,276 to Asada ("Asada") in view of US Pat. No. 3,894,673 to Lowder ("Lowder"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Prior Amendments

In amendments submitted with Applicants response filed August 27, 2003, claims 1, 13 and 30 were amended to recite that the first uppermost cutting layer "**consists of bonded abrasive grain**" and to recite that subsequent cutting levels